

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned § Group Art Unit:  
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For: Acoustic Logging Apparatus §  
And Method for Anistropic §  
Earth Formations §

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Att'y Docket No. 1391-27201  
Client Ref. No.: 2001-IP-004081CON  
Date: December 21, 2001

Sir:

Before examining the above-noted application, the Examiner is requested to enter the following amendment:

**AMENDMENT**

**In the Specification:**

The Examiner is requested to replace the original paragraph in the specification with the paragraph noted below. Appendix A to this Preliminary Amendment contains the replaced paragraph with the added material underlined and the deleted material in brackets.

**Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following:**

This application is related to co-pending application serial number \_\_\_\_\_, filed December 19, 2001 (Attorney Docket No. 1391-26800) titled "Acoustic Logging Apparatus And Method" and is a continuation of application serial number \_\_\_\_\_, filed December 19, 2001 (Attorney Docket No. 1391-27200), titled "Acoustic Logging Apparatus and Method for Anistropic Earth Formations."